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The Vernoff-Migdal Collection:
Glimpses of a Nursing Career, Circa 1930 – 1990

Collection Description

Extent: 1 box

Provenance: Ellen B. Migdal, daughter of Esther Vernoff Migdal, RN
Access: The collection is unrestricted. It is a teaching collection.
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Note: Scanned copies of each document and photograph, and photographs of the physical artifacts are available in a notebook for open access in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Professional Practice Lab (Room 220), as a teaching collection. The physical artifacts are available for viewing on request in the same area.

Brief Biography of Esther Vernoff Migdal: Esther Migdal was trained at Lebanon Hospital School of Nursing, Bronx, NY, from 1932-1934. She had a long career as a public health nurse, and worked as a nurse until her retirement in 1990.

Collection Contents:

1. Photographs – formal portrait during nursing career (undated); Lebanon Hospital School of Nursing, Bronx, New York, 1932-1934; casual photos with other nurses who appear to be fellow students


3. World War II – Letters:
   a. War Manpower Commission, Office for Emergency Management, Procurement and Assignment Service for Nurses, Albany, NY, to Esther Vernoff, June 1, 1944. Classification as “Public Health Nurse - essential for civilian nursing service.”
   b. The Emergency Medical Service of the City of New York, to Ester Vernoff, October 21, 1944. Appreciation for “volunteer services rendered ... in Citizens Defense Nurse Corps during World War II.” Includes photocopy of medal (Civil Defense).
   c. City of New York Department of Hospitals. Civilian Nurse Merit Award Ceremony, October 14, 1944. Mayor F.H LaGuardia addressed the honorees and presented merit award pins and certificates.

5. The Defibrillator Story – Actual defibrillator (3.5” x 4” x 1”; 9.5 oz.) that was implanted in Esther Vernoff Migdal’s husband, Morris Migdal, in 1995. Letter describing the circumstances is archived. Surgery was performed by Richard M. Luceri, M.D., at Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.


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